

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Enclosed herein is a copy of the original Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, as filed on November 14, 2001.

The Examiner is hereby requested, in consequence of the apparent loss of the original Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, to amend the application, as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert on page 1 between the title of the application and the first paragraph the following new paragraph:

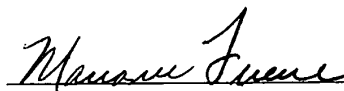
CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

C1 This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U. S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00079 filed January 11, 2000, and which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 199 00 635.0 filed January 11, 1999.

REMARKS

This claim to priority is being filed before the above-identified application meets all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371(b).

Respectfully submitted,



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